

### Recognition Corner:

Dr Sasha Zill, one of our most beloved instructors, was recently recognized as an Honorary Alumnus by the JCESOM Alumni Association at this year's Investiture. The award was given in recognition of his nearly 30 year distinguished service to the medical school. He is one of the students' favorite professors and has received numerous student teaching awards.



### You Asked. We Did.

Student Evaluations of courses through the use of New Innovations has been robust and informative. In addition to these evaluations, student liaison meetings are held during and/or after many first-year courses. These combined approaches have led to a greater understanding of the frustrations students have with the courses and what they think the strengths are. Many students have noted in their evaluations that most course directors will make mid-course corrections when possible due to their feedback. A number of issues are currently being looked into including expanding exams from 2 to 3 in the SFIII course, hiring a neuroanatomist, and revamping the radiology is taught in years 1 and 2.

### New Initiatives Corner

- The dress code policy for the clerkship years has been modified to be more in-line with the current residency dress code. This should assist in maintaining a consistent level of professionalism throughout the clinics and hospital for both undergraduate and graduate medical education experiences.
- Consistent with the change from a letter assessment grade to a pass/fail/honors grade in the clinical clerkships, Family Medicine sought to change from a 5th to a 9th percentile shelf exam cut-off. The change will help this rotation be more consistent with others. It is important to remember that the pass/fail/honors designation takes into account shelf exams, internal assessments, student evaluations and professionalism ratings and is not composed of just one measure.

### Awards/Community Activity Corner

*Gold Humanism- The following students are recognized for their induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society on April 2016.*

• Oksana Aleksandrova Bailiff, Ryan David Carroll, Rebecca Gwynn Creel, Mobeen Farooq, Evan Jeffrey Madden, Matthew Thomas Meriweather, Vivian Marie Minkemeyer, Pooja Navnit Sangani, Morgan Catherine Stickler, Cody Alan Stover, Michelle Marie Studeny and Divya Vangala.

*The following students were recognized by the Marshall University chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*

Lauren Burgunder, Ryan Carroll, Mobeen Farooq, Matt Meriweather, Vivian Minkemeyer and Pooja Sangani. All were MS3 students when awarded.

### Scholarly Activity Corner

*The Marshall Journal of Medicine, launched October 29, 2015, has seen a significant number of publications with contributions from our medical students. In this issue of the newsletter, we highlight these publications.*

- Cross-Sectional Survey of Relevant Literatures as to the Current Proposed Disease Mechanisms and Treatments of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Zachary Sanford (MS4) Marshall Journal of Medicine, Volume 1, Issue 1, October 2015.
- A Case Control Study of Nutrient Intake Deficiencies in Patients Taking Warfarin Philip Riley IV (MS3); Kim Lucas Day, MD; George M. Yousef, MD; Sirisha Devabhaktuni, MD (Grad); Ashley N. Gaing; and Lynne J. Goebel, MD. Marshall Journal of Medicine, Volume 1, Issue 1, October 2015
- The challenges of exploring the impact of genogram construction on an Appalachian family's health consciousness. Dilip Nair, MD; Indira Bhavsar (MS4); and Nafeeza Hussain (MS3). Marshall Journal of Medicine, Volume 1, Issue 1, October 2015.
- Case Report: Recurrent Staphylococcal Scalded Skin Syndrome in Healthy Term Neonate Despite Full Course of Antibiotic Therapy. Indira Bhavsar (MS4), Rebecca Hayes, MD (Grad), and Amy Vaughan Marshall Journal of Medicine, Volume 2, Issue 1, January 2016.
- Neurocognitive Dysfunction in Brain Tumor Patients following Radiation Therapy: A Review of Biological Hypotheses, Current Treatment Outcomes, and Novel Therapeutic Strategies. Raj Singh (MS2). Marshall Journal of Medicine, Volume 2, Issue 1, January 2016.
- Teen perception of texting and driving in rural West Virginia. Daniel Scott Kahn (MS3); Frank Fofie (MS3); Grant S. Buchanan, MD (Grad); Zain Qazi, MD; Timothy Wilson-Byrne MD; Tracy LeGrow, PsyD; and Franklin D. Shuler, MD, PhD. Volume 2; Issue 2, April 2016
- Post-herpetic Paresis of the Lower Extremity: An Unusual Complication of Shingles. Leah Diane Stalnaker (MS2) and Lynne J. Goebel, MD. Volume 2, Issue 2, April 2016

Heath Blankenship (MS2) was selected for an oral presentation of his work by the Southern Society of Clinical Investigation. The title of his award winning work is: "Divergent choline-binding protein patterns characterize penicillin susceptible and resistant serotypes of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*" and the other authors on the study were Dr. Stanek, RJ, Dr. Norton, NB and Dr. Mufson, MA.

*28th Annual Research Day: This year's research day saw a record submission of abstracts. 85 posters and 20 oral presentations were accepted. The following students are recognized for their efforts and are listed by their student year at the time of the poster presentation in March of 2016.*

**Oral Presentation given:** Daniel Kahn (MS3) –Orthopedics; Andrew Vess (MS2) – Translational Sciences and Pharmacy; Mohit Harsh (MS2) – Surgery; Jason Childress (MS3) - Surgery; Rachael Starcher (MS2) –ObGyn; Andrew Feyh (MS2) – Medicine, Pediatrics, etc. ; Brent Smith (MS2) – UCSM, Colorado;

**Poster presentations given:** William D. Rollyson – Pharm, Phys & Toxicology; Keegan Mullins (MS2) – USC, South Carolina; Joseph Hart (MS4) – Psych; Raj Sing (MS2) – Urologic Oncology; Travis Parkulo (MS3) – Translational Sciences; Tamara Murphy (MS2) – multi disciplinary research; Matthew D. Thompson (MS3) – Ophthalmology; Matthew Boyer (MS4) – Psych; Hillary Cornell (MS3) – Psych; Harsh M (MS2) – Fam Med; Victoria Watson (MS4) – Neuroscience; Zeynep C. Koc (MS2) – multidisciplinary research; Raj Singh (MS2) – 2nd Poster presentation; Radiation Oncology; Zachary Sanford (MS4) – Ortho; Aladdin Tarakji (MS3) – Ortho; Maria Espiridion (MS3) – ObGyn; Cody Stover (MS3) – Ortho; Mohit Harsh (MS2) – Surgery; Justin Pacor (MS2) – BHSF, Florida; Brooke Andrews (MS2) – Peds; Makenzie Hatfield Kresch (MS2) – Fam Med; Mina Shenouda (MS3) – Internal Med; Diane Dawley (MS3) – Biological Sciences; James Lewis (MS4) – Peds; Mohit Harsh – 2nd poster presentation, Psych and Northwestern Univ.

Special recognition was given to Mohit Harsh (MS2) as the Oral Clinical Science awardee. Special recognition was also given to Raj Singh (MS2) for his poster as the Clinical Science awardee. Hillary Cornell (MS3) was awarded with the best Clinical Vignette project by a student.

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We would like to thank all of the students who volunteered for this very successful function. So many of you came out in support of this wonderful event that raised a record level amount of funding for your student scholarships.

